

Public Service Commission
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Dear Sirs,

I wish to express my opposition to the proposed rate increase requested by Kentucky Utilities and LG&E. The two projects combined will increase residential electric rates by nearly 10 percent, with no tangible benefits to the consumer.

While I recognize that the US EPA has essentially mandated the elimination of coal-fired plants, the construction of solar powered units is not a sound use of ratepayer funds. Not only is the cost per MW nearly 4 times the cost of the natural gas fired plant (which is already an expensive alternative), the actual power production from solar facilities is unreliable and is typically a small fraction of the rated capacity. I do not understand why the Public Utilities Commission would require the rate payers of Kentucky to fund what is essentially a toy for the executives at KU to use for their amusement and political cover. Additionally, I ask that the Commission examine carefully the assertion by Kentucky Utilities that the most cost effective path to compliance with EPA regulations is to shut down multiple perfectly serviceable commercial generating plants and replace them with a very expensive gas fired alternative.

As a customer of Kentucky Utilities I respectfully urge you to reject this request for increased billing rates.

Sincerely,



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